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EXDIS, PARIS FOR ROBERT MELONE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FUTURE OF FORMER ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO

REF: (A) STATE 61941 (B) STATE 38944

1. MULUGETA WODAJO, THE WORLD BANK EMPLOYEE BROTHER OF FORMER ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIFLE WODAJO, CONTACTED AMBASSADOR HUMMEL IN THE DEPARTMENT TO INQUIRE HOW LONG HIS BROTHER WOULD BE EXPECTED TO WAIT BEFORE SEEKING TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES. MULUGETA WODAJO SAID KIFLE HAD REMAINED IN MONROVIA TO AVOID CONTACT WITH ETHIOPIAN EXILE COMMUNITIES IN PARIS AND LONDON, INTENDED TO STAY OUT OF LIMELIGHT AND ESCHEW ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTED AGAINST EPMG.

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2. ON APRIL 5, MULETA WODAJO WAS TOLD THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD STILL PREFER THAT KIFLE CONTINUE TO WAIT A FEW MONTHS BEFORE COMING TO THE U.S. AT THIS JUNCTURE IN US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS WE DO NOT WISH TO RISK CREATING MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE EPMG. WHEN HE ASKED WHAT WAS MEANT BY "A FEW MONTHS" HE WAS TOLD THIS ESSENTIALLY WAS

TOLD TO KIFLE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO (REF B). IN REPLY TO HIS REMARK THAT THE U.S. SEEMED TO BE MORE RELAXED ABOUT THE ENTRY OF SOME FORMER ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADORS, HE WAS

TOLD THAT THE CASE OF A FOREIGN MINISTER WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM AN AMBASSADOR.

3. IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH KIFLE YOU MAY DRAW ON THE INFORMATION ABOVE. YOU SHOULD ALSO SAY THAT WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO HIS SITUATION BUT THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR HIM TO APPEAR IN THE U.S.

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